(*b*) the Government received representations from the residents of other cheris in the city to secure for them permanent occupancy rights, and, if so, from what cheris, and what orders have been passed in each case.

A.—(*a*) The Corporation was informed that the Government were unable to sanction any loan for the purpose and that the Corporation might raise the loan in the open market.

(*b*) Memorials have been received from the inhabitants of Hall's Gardens, Thousand Lights, Flowers Road and Thundu cheris. The Commissioner of Labour has been directed to arrange proper terms with the landlords and, if this is not possible, to submit proposals for acquisition in all cases in which eviction is contemplated of tenants from the sites of which they have been in occupation for a long period and in which they have made substantial improvements.

Report of Collector of Bellary on season, etc., and that of Mr. Buckley.

490 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to lay on the table the several reports of the Collector of Bellary sent from time to time during the current fasli on the state of the season and the condition of the people in the affected taluks of the Bellary district, and the reports from Mr. Buckley also, if he has sent any.

A.—The reports will be placed on the Editors' Table.

Tiffin-room for Secretariat staff.

491 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: To ask the Hon'ble the Finance Member to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the tiffin-rooms provided for the Secretariat staff were demolished in 1909, when the Council Chamber was constructed; and

(*b*) whether new rooms have been provided for use of the staff in the place of the old ones demolished, and, if the answer is in the negative, when new rooms are likely to be built.

A.—(*a*) Yes. The tiffin-rooms were demolished about the year 1910 when the new Council Chamber was constructed.

(*b*) No, but the question of a suitable site for the construction of a tiffin-shed has been under consideration for some time past. As however the Military authorities have recently handed over a large block in the Fort for the use of the Secretariat, it is hoped now to provide accommodation for tiffin-rooms within the Fort 'without further building'.

Buckingham canal.

492 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: To ask the Hon'ble the Revenue Member to state the probable income from, and the expenses incurred on, the Buckingham canal during the last ten years.